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5. About 58% of the total labor employed by the motor transport industry is engaged in administrative work.
6. In the Soviet motor transport industry only a few special lines are original Soviet developments, e.g., warming-up devices for engines, electrical anti-frost equipment, vehicles with gas generators.

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8. Because of frequent shortage of lubricating oil of normal quality, vehicles are greased with turpentine. The gasoline available in the USSR is of very low quality as regards flash point and anti-knocking properties. The capacity of repair shops is even below that of the manufacturing works. In 1946 it was established that 320 to 900 labor hours, depending on the type of vehicle, was the accepted norm for the overhaul of one vehicle.
9. It is intended to start the manufacturing of trailers for trucks. Hitherto, such trailers have been used in the USSR in only very small numbers.

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